
Call To Order:

The regular meeting of the Lansing City Council was called to order by Mayor Mike Smith at 7:00 p.m.

Roll Call:

Mayor Mike Smith called the roll and indicated which Councilmembers were in attendance.

Councilmembers Present:

Ward 1: Gene Kirby and Dave Trinkle

Ward 2: Andi Pawlowski and Don Studnicka

Ward 3: Kerry Brungardt and Jesse Garvey

Ward 4: Gregg Buehler and Tony McNeill

Councilmembers Absent:

OLD BUSINESS:

Approval of Minutes: Councilmember Buehler moved to approve the regular meeting minutes of November 7, 2019, as presented. Councilmember Kirby seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

Audience Participation: Mayor Smith called for audience participation and no one came forward.

Presentations

Discussions: City Administrator Tim Vandall updated the Council on the Eisenhower Rd and K-7 Intersection. Plans for the intersection were submitted to KDOT in February and recent discussion has altered the plans slightly. The right turn lane on K-7 was originally planned for 2021 but is now expedited as part of a requirement for QuikTrip going in at the intersection. Community & Economic Development Director Matthew Schmitz stated the original plan had a short right turn lane on K-7 turning into QuikTrip. KDOT is now requiring the right turn lane to extend all the way to Eisenhower. The entrances Co-Op had along K-7 will be closed off and entrances along Eisenhower are being moved a little more west. We believe the intersection will be quite a bit safer than it is today. It's a huge deal for us to land the grant from KDOT to help with funding for this intersection. Part of the selection criteria for the grant was how much money we were spending so we did use some of the credit for the initial short right turn plan and we got credit for sewer improvements we were putting in there as well. The way the grant was written and awarded is \$1.689 million, that is KDOT's cap. Projected construction cost for the intersection is \$2.1 million with Lansing and Leavenworth having to pay for the engineering right of way and utility relocation. It was a joint application with the City of Leavenworth and we still need to work out the percentages of who pays for what. It was pointed out that QuikTrip is giving us a portion of the plat for the right of way to make this project happen. Public Works Director Mike Spickelmier stated the project is slated at \$2.1 million for the total construction cost with the total investment near \$3 million which includes the sewer improvements. Council clarified that whatever is not covered by the grant will be split between Lansing and Leavenworth. City Administrator Tim Vandall stated the intersection is very congested as it is. The right turn lane will be a public improvement to help keep the traffic flow moving even if people aren't going to QuikTrip. He continued that he is very proud to get this grant and it's a large amount for a small community like this. He said Public Works Director Mike Spickelmier did a great job getting the application submitted. City Administrator Tim Vandall also pointed out Senator Braun was a big help navigating through KDOT and their staff. Community & Economic Development Director Matthew Schmitz let the Council know QuikTrip's construction start date is December 2nd.

COUNCIL CONSIDERATION OF AGENDA ITEMS:

Reservation for Street De-icing Rock Salt: Councilmember Kirby moved to approve the cooperative bid price of \$62.38 per ton with Independent Salt Company of Kanapolis, Kansas for street de-icing salt and authorize the Public Works Department to purchase salt as needed. Councilmember Pawlowski seconded the motion.

- Councilmember Studnicka stated got a question.
 - Mayor Smith replied go ahead Don.

- Councilmember Studnicka asked how big is the salt that you're going to get because after that little storm we had here a few weeks ago the front of my house, on my street looked like a gravel road. I mean the salt is really big.
 - Public Works Director Mike Spickelmier responded it is the same salt. The salt is big. The application of the salt was probably a little heavier. We're still recalibrating all the equipment to make sure we are judicious in its application. It is a little bit larger rock salt. You're right, it is larger.
 - Councilmember Studnicka replied ok, so you just need to adjust how much you're actually putting out.
 - Public Works Director Mike Spickelmier responded yes.
 - Councilmember Trinkle stated people went out there and got some and put it on the sidewalk.
 - Councilmember Studnicka replied I did. I got a 5-gallon bucket full.

The motion was unanimously approved.

Executive Session – Consultation with Attorney: Councilmember Buehler moved to recess into executive session for the consultation with an attorney for the City which would be deemed privileged in an attorney-client relationship, K.S.A 75-4319(b)(2) for 45 minutes, beginning at 7:17 PM and returning to the Council Chambers at 8:02 PM. Councilmember Kirby seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

Councilmember Pawlowski moved to return open session at 8:02 PM. Councilmember Kirby seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

REPORTS:

Department Heads: Department Heads had nothing to report.

City Attorney: City Attorney Greg Robinson had nothing to report.

City Engineer: City Engineer Matt Harding had nothing to report.

City Administrator: City Administrator Tim Vandall stated we received a letter from the Leavenworth Board of County Commissioners about a feasibility study for a bridge connecting to Highway 152. Long term, access like that would be beneficial to the area.

- Councilmember Pawlowski stated this was previously discussed in 2003-2004 and due to the Missouri River and it being a floodplain, it would be a 6-mile bridge. It's probably cost prohibitive and probably even more so now.
 - City Administrator Tim Vandall stated they expect the study to cost approximately \$50k with them sending letters to eleven entities to help share in the cost. Our share of the feasibility study could be around \$6-7k. The possibility is a long way off and there are cost issues with it but there is no harm in getting a feasibility study.
 - Councilmember McNeill responded if the County is looking at bringing more into the area then what about Port Authority and LCDC. We pay them to look at bringing things into our communities so maybe they could front the costs of a feasibility study.
 - City Administrator Tim Vandall stated the request was open ended so if the Council has any questions, concerns or requests, those can be collected at another time.
 - Councilmember Kirby replied it wouldn't hurt to get a dollar amount from them.
 - Councilmember Trinkle stated Missouri would have to be on board as well.
 - City Administrator Tim Vandall responded he believes Missouri has been contacted and they will be receiving the same letter Lansing got.

City Administrator Tim Vandall said he spoke with Leavenworth and their perspective is to not limit ourselves to the bridge. They want to look at K-5 and other routes to improve access.

Governing Body: Councilmember Garvey congratulated Public Works Director Mike Spickelmier on the grant. He also mentioned he has had a lot of compliments on DeSoto Rd. He has had to explain the medians, but everyone says how nice the road and sidewalks are.

Councilmember Buehler provided a fun fact, on this day in 1905, Albert Einstein’s paper titled’ Does the Inertia of a Body Depend upon its Energy Content’ was published and gave us the mass energy formula of $e=mc^2$.

Councilmember McNeill thanked Public Works Director Mike Spickelmier for the grant and all the work that went into it. He also stated he has seen people running on the sidewalks on Desoto Rd and it’s impressive to see.

Councilmember Brungardt also thanked Public Works Director Mike Spickelmier and his favorite part of Desoto Road is the wall.

Councilmember Buehler, Councilmember Studnicka, Councilmember Trinkle, Councilmember Kirby and Councilmember Pawlowski echoed everyone’s sentiments to Public Works Director Mike Spickelmier.

Councilmember Trinkle asked about a rough spot on Desoto Road south of the church.

- Public Works Director Mike Spickelmier stated they did do some patch work going up the hill to Mary Street.

Councilmember Kirby wished everyone Happy Thanksgiving.

Councilmember Pawlowski stated she thought everyone would like to know there is a resident who lives on East McIntyre Road complaining about the speed limit and people driving too fast. It’s funny since the speed now is less than what people were driving before.

ADJOURNMENT:

Councilmember Pawlowski moved to adjourn. Councilmember Buehler seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved. The meeting was adjourned at 8:17 p.m.

ATTEST:

Michael W. Smith, Mayor

Sarah Bodensteiner, City Clerk